

January 13, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

**In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Recommendation
Concerning the Commission's Rules Relating to High-Cost Universal Service
Support and the ETC Designation Process, CC Docket No. 96-45**

**In the Matter of Universal Service Support Contribution Methodology, CC Docket
No. 96-45**

**In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, CC
Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, January 12, 2005, on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), Marie Guillory, Jill Canfield, Scott, Reiter, and I met with Scott Bergmann, Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein's Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues. We discussed possible timeframes that the Commission may issue rulings and/or further notices of proposed rulemakings in the above-referenced proceedings. NTCA's positions on issues in these proceedings are described in detail in its previously filed pleadings in these dockets.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell
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cc: Scott Bergmann